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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2011–12 REGULAR SESSION

Assembly Concurrent Resolution

No. 41

Introduced by Assembly Member Mitchell

March 21, 2011

Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 41—Relative to the CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz Memorial Highway.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

ACR 41, as amended, Mitchell. CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz Memorial Highway.

This measure would designate a specified portion of State Highway Route 405 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz Memorial Highway. The measure would request that the Department of Transportation determine the cost of appropriate signs showing this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect those signs.

Fiscal committee: yes.

- 1 WHEREAS, Philip Dennis Ortiz was born June 27, 1961, in
2 Santa Monica, California; and
3 WHEREAS, Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz graduated from Santa Monica High
4 School in 1979 and attended Santa Monica City College; and
5 WHEREAS, Prior to joining the California Highway Patrol
6 (CHP), Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz worked for a local supermarket; however,
7 he always had a dream of becoming a CHP Officer; and
8 WHEREAS, On December 23, 1982, CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~
9 *Dennis* Ortiz, badge number 10428, graduated from the CHP

1 Academy and was assigned to the central Los Angeles area office;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, After more than seven years of service in the central
4 Los Angeles area, ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ Ortiz was transferred to
5 the west Los Angeles area, where he spent the remainder of his
6 career; and

7 WHEREAS, ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ Ortiz performed several
8 duties over the course of his career, some of which included a
9 motorcycle officer, a motorcycle officer in charge of training the
10 officers who successfully passed motor school, a weapons/range
11 officer, a physical methods of arrest (PMA) instructor, and
12 protective services detail (PSD); and

13 WHEREAS, ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz was married
14 to his best friend, Jessica, in 1983, and couldn't have been happier;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, On June 22, 2010, CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis*
17 Ortiz pulled a vehicle over for a high occupancy vehicle (HOV)
18 lane violation. While approaching the vehicle, another car was
19 driving along the shoulder and struck ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ Ortiz
20 and his motorcycle; and

21 WHEREAS, ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ Ortiz was transported to
22 the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center where he remained
23 until his passing almost two weeks later; and

24 WHEREAS, CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis* Ortiz is survived
25 by his wife, Jessica, sister, Anna, mother, Irene, and stepfather,
26 Claude; and

27 WHEREAS, ~~CHP Officer Philip D.~~ Ortiz is admired for his
28 professionalism, dedication, honesty, loyalty, respect, courage,
29 and "esprit de corps." He consistently represented the best of the
30 CHP and was an outstanding role model; now, therefore, be it

31 *Resolved by the Assembly of the State of California, the Senate*
32 *thereof concurring*, That the Legislature hereby designates the
33 portion of State Highway Route 405, south of National Boulevard
34 and north of Palms Overcrossing, milepost marker ~~405-LA-29.15~~
35 ~~405-LA-29.51~~ to milepost marker ~~405-LA-29.19~~ *405-LA-29.16*,
36 in the County of Los Angeles as the CHP Officer Philip ~~D.~~ *Dennis*
37 Ortiz Memorial Highway; and be it further

38 *Resolved*, That the Department of Transportation is requested
39 to determine the cost of erecting the appropriate signs, consistent
40 with the signing requirements for the state highway system,

1 showing this special designation, and upon receiving donations
2 from nonstate sources covering the cost, to erect those signs; and
3 be it further
4 *Resolved*, That the Chief Clerk of the Assembly transmit copies
5 of this resolution to the Department of Transportation and to the
6 author for appropriate distribution.

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